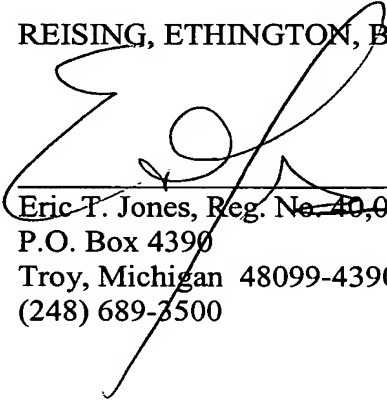


Remarks

To aid the Applicant in understanding and responding to the Examiner's position on the various claims of the application the Applicant asks that the Examiner give special attention to responding to the Applicant's requests and questions presented in the Applicant's response filed 16 August 2004. In particular, the Applicant asks that the Examiner indicate why he rejected claims 2-16 under 35 USC §102(e) and that the Examiner respond to our arguments regarding claims 17 and 18 and his rejection of those claims under 35 USC §103(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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